

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona, Inc.

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Goal: Catholic Charities will sustain, across a broad swath of southern Minnesota, a high degree of accessibility, responsiveness, and advocacy for pregnant women and women with babies that is absolutely vital to providing alternatives to abortion

For the period: July – September 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Provide guidance to grant staff, complete grant forms, attend required grant meetings, provide on-going crisis intervention counseling training		Monthly staff meetings for licensed staff. Social workers and support staff report each call on an initial contact form and discuss needs and referral plans.	
Outreach	Place pregnancy posters across service area, distribute marketing and informational materials, advertise, make presentations, maintain website and host community events		Staff distributed 190 <u>posters</u> to various locations. <u>Direct</u> contact was made with Martin Co. Human Services and WIC, Caring Pregnancy Center, Salvation Army, Fairmont Medical Center, St. John Vianney Church, Partners for Affordable Housing, Welcome Inn, Theresa House, Options for Women, Birthright, Mayo Clinic-Mankato ER Social Worker, ECSE, Mower Co. Social Services, Semcac Energy Assistance, WSU Child Advocacy students, and Winona Health lactation consultant. <u>Folders</u> were distributed to Martin Co. Human Services and WIC, Caring Pregnancy Center, Fairmont Medical Center, Partners for Affordable Housing, Options for Women, Jackson	

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			<p>Co. Human Services and WIC, Good Shepard Church, ECSE, Olmsted Co. PHN, Semcac Energy Assistance and Winona Health lactation RN.</p> <p><u>Presentations</u> were given to 18 members of the BEC/Nicollet Co. Networking group, 20 staff at Olmsted Co. PHN, 137 students and staff at Cotter Jr. High and 5 students and staff at Winona Alternative Learning Center.</p> <p>Staff are <u>active members</u> of Infant Mental Health, Birthparent Collaborative, Interagency Adoption, Rochester Area Fatherhood Network, Homeless Community Network, Maternal, Child and Family Health Partnership, Catholic Charities USA, Mankato Community Network and Owatonna Community Services Collaborative.</p> <p><u>Mailings</u> were sent to 78 parishes and schools for Baby Bottle, 96 Nurturing Healthy Families invites, 54 hospital social workers and OB's, 60 Emergency Rooms and 15 brochures to Olmsted Co. PHN.</p> <p><u>Advertising</u> via bathroom stall ads, Yellow Pages, Facebook, internet and website is on-going and updated as needed.</p>	
Adoption Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting and adoption options through education and information; support women in their ability to be self-sufficient	2 - 4	Provided 20 visits to women in order to explore the option of adoption and make a plan for their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and supported their decisions.	20
Financial Assistance	Provide financial assistance from donated funds to assist eligible women; assist women in applying for financial assistance from other agencies	15-22	Staff worked with 38 women to process their need for financial assistance. Women received assistance for rent, utilities, daycare expenses, car loan and baby items. Connected the women with other resource opportunities.	38

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Hotline	Licensed social workers provide assessments and make referrals to clients 24/7	25-40	Staff answered 144 calls to our office and 24 hour hotline, responded to one email via facebook, and assisted eight clients who walked into the office without a scheduled appointment to provide assessments and referrals. Out of those contacts, 73 women were eligible for services.	73
Parenting Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and parenting education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	20-30	Staff provided 102 visits with women who were making a parenting plan for themselves and their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential parent education and support.	102
Pregnancy Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and pregnancy education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	10 - 20	Had 65 visits with women to provide pregnancy information and education. Discussed options of adoption and parenting with these women. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential pregnancy and parent education.	65
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	4 - 8	Staff provided assessment and referrals for necessary services only to 12 women.	12

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	39
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	39
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	39

Challenges:

Comments: